

CHORAL ACCOMPANIST

Cantaré Children’s Choir is one of Canada’s premiere children’s choir programs for boys and girls ages six to eighteen. As an integral member of Calgary's cultural community, the choir has earned an enviable reputation for the musical sophistication its exuberant members express, all skillfully guided by Founder / Artistic Director, Catherine Glaser-Climie. Cantaré has received the highest critical acclaim and an international reputation for excellence.

Cantaré is searching for an Accompanist to join us in our music making. As a member of our artistic staff, you will provide musical leadership and support from the keyboard in rehearsals, performances, retreats and tours. The accompanist role is integral to the artistic development of each ensemble.

THE POSITION As accompanist for our Cantaré / Cantando ensemble, you will be at the center of inspirational concerts of powerful music performed with passion and precision. You will attend weekly rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6 - 9 PM; occasional workshops; five concerts [October, December, March, May/June]; festival performances and additional community / tour performances as agreed to in advance. Accompanists provide his/her own formal concert attire but we will provide you with all of the music materials that are required. Sometimes we might ask you to provide leadership for sectional rehearsals too.

QUALIFICATIONS This position is for you if you are eager to work with young people and can demonstrate the following:

 Advanced training in music, which may include a Bachelor/Masters of Music Degree, or a Licentiate Diploma [Conservatory Diploma] with specialized training in accompanying or piano performance – previous experience as an accompanist is essential;

 An accomplished pianist with exceptional sight reading skills. Our challenging and diverse repertoire is chosen from the classical choral tradition encompassing the Baroque that also embraces innovative contemporary works. Our choir is especially known for showcasing a broad spectrum of contemporary music, particularly works by Canadian composers.

An excellent understanding of music theory, harmony, rhythm and analysis; music history and knowledge of historical style and interpretation. . Our choristers sing in other languages - English, French, German, Hebrew, Yiddish, Italian, Latin and Spanish – and even the languages of Tolkein’s Middle Earth!!

 Exceptional performance ability and confidence including participation in competition;

 An ability to work in a team environment where everyone’s efforts strive to further the success of the entire team

COMPENSATION is based on qualifications and experience.

For questions or to apply for this position, please contact our Artistic Director, Catherine Glaser-Climie, by email to cantare.catherine@shaw.ca before July 25th, 2018.

Start date is August 19th, 2018.